THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The Reserve Bank of India has informed that the Fake Indian Currency Notes (FICN) detected through banking channels from April, 2006 to March, 2007 was only 1,04,743 pieces. Value of these pieces is Rs. 2,31,90,300 (Rupees two crores, thirty one lakh, ninety thousand and three hundred only).

(b) to (d) The steps taken by the Government to curb circulation of Fake Indian Currency Notes in the country include stepping of vigilance by the Border Security Force and Custom authorities to prevent smuggling of fake notes; dissemntation of information of security features through print and electronic media and formation of Forged Note Vigilance Cells in all the Head Offices of the banks. Additional security features have also been incorporated in the bank note to make counterfeiting very difficult. In addition, Government of India have nominated the Central Bureau of Investigation as the Nodal agency to monitor investigation of fake currency note cases. The RBI has also strengthened the mechanism for detection of counterfeit notes by the Banks.

Latest measures taken by RBI are as under:

(i) Process has been initiated to identify bank branches handling more volumes of cash across the country and also in the vicinity of international borders for installation of Note Sorting Machines.

(ii) Dissemination of information to the public.

(iii) Stepping up of training in detection of counterfeit notes for banks/other agencies.

Revival of Co-operative Banks

†1534. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any scheme for the revival of Co-operative Banks in collaboration with the Asian Development Banks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that setting up of a national level Co-operative Bank for the banks working at State and District levels was accepted in principle in 1993; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to fulfil the loan and banking requirements of the rural and urban middle class alongwith the poor and farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) The Government of India has formulated a Revival Package for Short Term Cooperative Credit Structure (STCCS) with a financial outlay of Rs. 13596 crore. In this process, alongwith other organisation, the Asian Development Bank has also extended financial support by way of loans, to the extent of US $ 1 Billion. The financial support is for—

- Mainstreaming policy reforms and implementation framework.
- Building a facilitating legal, regulatory framework and
- Undertaking Institutional reforms and financial restructuring for sustainability.

(c) The Government conveyed their 'no objection' to the Ministry of Agriculture to the establishment of National Cooperative Bank of India (NCBI) in June 1993. The NCBI was registered under the Multi State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 on August 5, 1993. Later on, at the instance of Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the word national was dropped from its proposed name and the proposed bank was named as Cooperative Bank of India (COBI).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(d) In order to overcome the problem faced by banks in lending to landless labourers, share-croppers and oral lesses due to the absence of documents verifying their identity and status, banks have been advised to accept certificates provided by local administration/ Panchayati Raj institutions regarding the cultivation of crops in case of loans to landless labourers, share-croppers and oral lesses.

Further, the Government has taken the following steps to ensure credit disbursement for agriculture purpose:—

- Commercial Banks and Regional Rural Banks have been advised to finance 50 lakhs new farmers during each of the last three years.
- The Banks have been advised to simplify the procedure for documentation for agricultural loans.
- Loans upto Rs. 50,000/- have been made collateral and margin free. Besides, no 'No Dues Certificate' is required for such amount of loan.

Besides, Prime Minister Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) is being implemented in association with Banks which includes urban middle class also.

Projects under the tribal reserve fund

5135. SHRI BHAGIRATHI MAJHI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects/works undertaken or completed under the Tribal Reserve Fund of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) during the year, 2006-07 in Orissa; and

(b) what is the amount of fund allocated for the projects under the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) and (b) Orissa, two integrated Tribal Development Project under NABARD's Tribal Development Fund (TDF) have been sanctioned. The details of projects/works undertaken/completed under Tribal Development Fund of NABARD, along with the assistance provided (in Rs. Lakh), during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08 in Orissa, are as under:

Details	Projects	
Project Area	Jashipur Block of Mayurbhanj Dist	Korukonda Block of Malkangiri Dist
Implementing Agency	Dulal, Baripada	SLNDS,* Malakangiri
No. of Tribal families to be assisted	1,000	1,000
Sanction Date	16.08.05	29,06.07
Project Phasing	9 years	8 years
Physical achievement	Completed the First Year phasing of 200 'wadis' and other social interventions	Preliminary work related to social mobilisation has begun.
Grant	354.7	338.68
Loan	35.47	15.00
Total	390.17	353.68

* *SLNDS - Sahid Laxman Naik Development Society*